**Committee Report regarding Rated Capacity of Dhruva Reactor**

3669. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA-
SHRI SHEO KUMAR MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether an experts' committee appointed by Government to go into the Dhruva reactor has reported that its rated capacity could not be attained without dangers to the reactor's safety;

(b) whether the committee has found the design of the reactor faulty; and

(c) if so, what corrective measures have been taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K R NARAYANAN): (a) There was no expert committee set up which reported that the rated capacity of Dhruva cannot be obtained. Dhruva had experienced some problem of vibration which the experts at BARC have already solved. The reactor is operating satisfactorily at 80 MW (TH).

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Fall in Growth Rate**

3670 SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a shortfall in plan growth rate is likely as reported in the Economic Times dated the 10th November, 1987 and if so what corrective steps have been taken/proposed; and

(b) whether distribution of assets is becoming rather difficult and tend to be in favour of the affluent?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING, THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) The Mid-Term Appraisal of the Seventh Five Year Plan is in progress in the Planning Commission It will be possible to know about the likely achievements of the growth-rate in the Plan period after the Mid-term review of the Plan is completed.

(b) Distribution of assets by different income groups is not available.

**SINO-Indian Talks**

3671. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:
SHRI M. KADHARSHA
PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1295 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th November, 1987 and state whether a suggestion is under discussion for setting up a joint commission to review periodically steps to expand economic trade, cultural and scientific cooperation between the two countries; if so, at what level it is being considered and what are the views of the Government of India in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): There is no proposal as yet for setting up a Joint Commission with China. However, during the 8th Round of Official-level talks between India and China, Government's intention to reconstruct and revitalise relations with China and to strengthen bilateral links in various fields, including trade, culture and science and technology, was conveyed to the Chinese delegation.